

Applicant: D. Elon
Application No. 10/725,964
Examiner: L. Thomas

Election/Restriction

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to restrict the above-entitled application to Species VII (Figure 8) as identified in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that the following claims read on the elected Species: 1 and 23-44.

Applicant also respectfully submits that claims 1, 43, and 44 are generic.

Claim Amendments

Claims 24 and 25 have been amended.

REMARKS

Applicant traverses the election of species requirement as both the search and examination of all claims can be made without serious burden. For example, all claims are directed to electrostatic discharge system or method and positively recite a conductor element, actuation means, and control means (or method steps of similar scope). Thus, regardless of whether all claims are examined together or separately, a review of the prior art for these claim recitations is required so that search and examination of all claims does not present a serious burden. Accordingly, an examination of all claims on the merits is required, even if the application includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. *See* MPEP § 803.

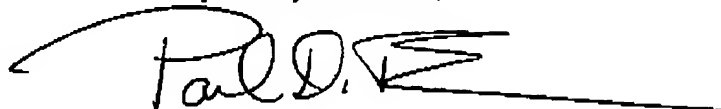
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for an examination on the merits, and early action is respectfully requested. If any questions remain regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned. Please charge any

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required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned,
Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7640-X03-013).

Respectfully submitted,

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